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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1774**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takashi HIRAGA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1774

Application No.: 09/913,315

Examiner: J. GRAY

Filed: August 10, 2001

Docket No.: 110345

For: MODIFICATION METHOD OF SURFACE LAYER AND MOLDED RESIN ARTICLE, AND MODIFICATION APPARATUS OF SURFACE LAYER OF MOLDED RESIN ARTICLE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 20, 2005, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-10, 13-15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 40-50 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 19, 20, 24, and 25 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-10, 13-15, 17, 22, 40-50, and 53-57 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over US 011 (U.S. Patent No. 3,783,011 to Chauffourneaux). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.